

TESTIMONY ON HB 6650

To: Commerce Committee Members:

Co-Chairmen Senator Lebeau, and Representative Perone and esteemed members of Commerce Committee, I appreciate the opportunity afforded by your committee to be able to testify today

I am John Greeno, a partner in New England Conservation Services and formerly a manager of low income residential programs administered by the Energy Efficiency Board.

I encourage the Commerce Committee to adopt HB 6650 and the requirements to establish a conservation fund financed by Connecticut oil and propane distributors. HB 6650 as written provides the necessary enforcement tools to ensure that funds authorized for collections are in fact collected. Previous legislation enacted in the early 1990's required oil and propane distributors to contribute a nominal \$50 towards residential energy audits for low income residents was never enforced due to the legislation lacking a mechanism to enforce payment.

The requirement for all heating fuel providers to pay their fair share to the energy conservation fund is long overdue and will be a needed infusion of funds that will help drive the goal to serve 80% of all residential structures by 2030.

Thank you

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